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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in most other areas were lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was in a full range of light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to instances ample for present requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for sufficient to fully sufficient offerings. Light type fowl were at least fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on all sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate, better where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the usually light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices were 4 to 5 cents lower in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady at present levels. Retail demand was usually moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings of heavy graded loose product at least adequate to mostly fully adequate with nest run offerings about adequate. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate with buyers continuing to bid lower values for outside product. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady, undertone barely steady to instances weak.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The market tone was steady at present levels. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where specials are planned or in progress. Supplies available to cover current needs.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady. Demand was light to at times moderate, better where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 03, 2002 was 48.76 cents, unchanged from a week earlier, but 4.22 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate and demand was moderate. Light type hens were at least sufficient to fully sufficient for mostly normal schedules.

WESTERN Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, 2-4 cents lower on the balance. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California down 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah unchanged. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was unsettled, usually ranging steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features on larger sizes were active. Extra large eggs were on sale at 79 cents per dozen. Large eggs, 12 count, were advertised at 49 cents, limit of 5. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-89	76-78	66-68
New York	50-54	48-52	44-48
Philadelphia	48-53	47-51	43-47
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	40-47	38-43	34-39
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	44-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	49-59	46-56	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	41-45	39-43	33-37
Detroit (2)	37-42	36-41	33-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	39-43	38-41	31-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	40-47	39-45	33-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-64	56-59	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	79	74	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 49. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 98-199. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	82
EXTRA LARGE	79
LARGE	74
MEDIUM	69

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	173-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 10, 2002 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 03, 2002 were 223,092 cases which was 21 percent below the prior week and 13 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	180,592	42,500	223,092
% change from the			
prior week.....	-24	-9	-21

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings of heavy graded loose product at least adequate to mostly fully adequate with nest run offerings about adequate. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate with buyers continuing to bid lower values for outside product. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady, undertone barely steady to instances weak. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	27-30	28-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules providing adequate supplies. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAY-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9	9.03
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the adequate to mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-MAY-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.5	8.74
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 06, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	17.0	5.6	12.0	10.8 54.3
	Change	-0.6	2.0	-1.7	0.1	0.6 1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.5	43.7	19.0	26.1	28.7 145.0
	Change	-1.1	-5.1	3.5	-0.4	-1.0 -3%
Large	Curr Wk	40.4	109.5	73.4	91.5	92.4 407.2
	Change	-18.6	-2.1	1.2	-4.8	-1.7 -6%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.6	47.8	25.0	28.3	30.5 140.2
	Change	-6.2	6.6	0.5	5.6	0.1 5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	5.9	3.6	4.5	4.8 23.4
	Change	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	-3.3 -6%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	19.0	6.8	11.0	6.2 46.8
	Change	0.5	1.5	-0.6	-0.4	0.7 4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.0	56.2	29.5	30.9	27.2 161.8
	Change	0.5	-4.4	2.7	0.6	-0.4 -1%
Total	Curr Wk	111.8	299.1	162.9	204.3	200.6 978.7
Percent	Change	-18%	-1%	3%	1%	-2% -2%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	978.7	-2%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	260.0	1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1238.7 -2% 212
1/ Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC SUMMARY
135.9	300.7	157.5	203.0	205.6 1002.7

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6	

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 22, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
141	141	131	77	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 03, 2002

CURRENT LOADS					11.50	FUTURE LOADS					19.50	TOTAL LOADS					31.00		
SE					NE	MW					LOADS	SC					NW	SW	LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST			ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	23.00	25.00	24.50	26.00		—	—	3.00		GNR W 1	—	—			—	—		—	1.00
GL W XL	32.00	42.00	33.50	35.00		—	—	7.75		GL W XL	34.00	36.80			—	—		—	7.75
GL W LG	30.00	—	—	—		—	—	2.75		GL W LG	—	34.00			—	—		—	1.75
GL W MD	—	34.00	25.00	26.50		—	—	4.00		GL W MD	31.00	—			—	—		—	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	—	—		—	—	.50											
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—		—	—	10.00											

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/29/02-05/03/02

CURRENT LOADS			86.75			FUTURE LOADS			69.50			TOTAL LOADS			156.25		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	25.25	26.00	25.50	27.67	30.27	31.50	29.00	GNR W 1	—	34.50	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	1.50		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	32.67	—	1.50	GL W XL	34.00	37.25	—	—	—	40.36	19.25		
GL W XL	32.00	38.40	32.81	35.46	29.47	—	47.75	GL W LG	32.33	35.83	—	—	—	38.54	15.75		
GL W LG	30.00	36.55	26.50	29.38	29.50	27.00	22.25	GL W MD	29.38	33.00	—	—	—	32.75	6.75		
GL W MD	32.00	34.13	27.92	29.12	—	29.00	16.25	GL W SM	18.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W SM	21.75	24.25	21.67	23.83	21.25	22.50	6.50	NRBS - 48	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 50	26.00	30.25	27.00	—	—	29.00	6.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	28.00	29.00	28.27	45.50										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	25.50	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	17.50	4.00										
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	11.00	13.00	3.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/21/02 - 04/27/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arkansas	0	0	1,770	1,770
Colorado	0	0	4,119	4,119
Illinois	0	0	90	90
Iowa	3,160	11,911	37,358	52,429
Michigan	0	0	1,650	1,650
Minnesota	0	0	2,687	2,687
Missouri	0	0	7,230	7,230
Montana	0	32	0	32
Ohio	0	0	3,260	3,260
Oregon	2,131	576	0	2,707
Pennsylvania	0	0	780	780
Texas	0	0	760	760
Utah	1,590	4,430	4,760	10,780
Washington	0	0	900	900
Wisconsin	0	0	5,058	5,058
TOTAL	6,881	16,949	70,422	94,252

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	68-71	57-60	47-50	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
43-53	36-40	34-39	30-34	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
20-23	14-18	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/29/02	04/22/02	04/30/01
PACIFIC COAST	437	223	134
LOS ANGELES	425	194	115

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 4/21/02-4/27/02

30-dozen cases 5,509

Receipts from the mainland: 4/14/02-4/20/02

30-dozen cases 6,876

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
61.96	59.65	55.65	46.27

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